

Senate Resolution 496

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Hill of the 32nd, Rogers of the 21st, Thompson of the 33rd
and Stoner of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Robert A. Lipson and WellStar Health System; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert A. Lipson and the leadership at WellStar Health System championed
4 a five-year campaign to build upon the reputable cardiology service provided at WellStar;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, WellStar Health System demonstrated the serious need for expanding such
7 services in Northwest Atlanta based on the large volume of cardiac catheterizations being
8 performed; and

9 WHEREAS, WellStar Health System was successful in its mission to bring cardiovascular
10 surgery services to Northwest Atlanta, providing a complete cardiac continuum of care for
11 the community; and

12 WHEREAS, WellStar Health System invested in state of the art technology for
13 cardiovascular surgery to provide the best care for patients; and

14 WHEREAS, WellStar Health System partnered with Emory Healthcare and recruited
15 well-known, highly-skilled physicians to implement the surgery program; and

16 WHEREAS, the WellStar Kennestone Hospital Cardiovascular Surgery Program began
17 serving patients on December 6, 2004; and

18 WHEREAS, the WellStar program has successfully completed over 50 open heart procedures
19 to date without any adverse outcomes; and

1 WHEREAS, WellStar Health System has a distinguished history of providing
2 comprehensive, noninvasive cardiology services, including cardiac intensive care, cardiac
3 catheterization, and cardiac rehabilitation services; and

4 WHEREAS, the WellStar Kennestone Cardiovascular Surgery Program has been approved
5 to participate in the training of Emory cardiovascular surgery fellows; and

6 WHEREAS, WellStar Health System will continue its mission of providing world-class
7 healthcare services to its communities.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
9 recognize and commend the valuable efforts of Dr. Robert A. Lipson and WellStar Health
10 System and express their gratitude for their continued commitment to improving the health
11 of citizens in Northwest Atlanta.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Robert A. Lipson.